

ABSTRACT

5 A filter assembly comprises a plastics housing and a
filter element held in the housing. The housing can be
sterilized by subjecting the interior of the housing to
steam under pressure while the exterior of the housing is at
atmospheric pressure. The filter element comprises a water
10 wettable filter medium. The ends of the filter medium are
embedded in first and second plastics end caps. The first
and second end caps form respective water-wettable joints
with the filter medium and the characteristics of the filter
medium are not materially changed.